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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE) Case No. 5:20-cv-06519-BLF
11 COMPANY, an Illinois corporation,)
12 Plaintiff,)
13 vs.)
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15 MICHAEL R. ABLAZA, an individual;)
16 and JAIME GARCES, the)
17 Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth)
18 Garces Ablaza,)
19)
Defendants.)
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1 Plaintiff State Farm Life Insurance Company (“State Farm”) and defendant
2 Jaime Garces, Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza, through their
3 counsel, have stipulated to entry of judgment. Having reviewed the stipulation of the
4 parties and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND
5 ADJUDGED as follows:

6 A. On March 7, 2023, Judgment was entered against defendant Michael
7 Ablaza in this action following a felony conviction against him for causing the death
8 of Maribeth Garces Ablaza (the “Insured”). The conviction disqualified Michael
9 Ablaza from entitlement to any of the insurance proceeds at issue in this interpleader
10 matter.

11 B. The life insurance proceeds State Farm deposited into the Court registry
12 shall be distributed forthwith by the Clerk as follows: (1) \$12,000.00 shall be paid
13 to State Farm Life Insurance Company as partial reimbursement for its reasonable
14 attorney’s fees and costs incurred in bringing this interpleader action; and (2) the
15 remaining balance on deposit with the Court (after deducting the \$12,000.00 payment
16 to State Farm) shall be paid to Jaime Garces, Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth
17 Garces Ablaza.

18 C. Defendants Michael R. Ablaza and Jaime Garces, the Administrator of
19 the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza are enjoined by the Court from instituting or
20 prosecuting any proceeding, including without limitation in any State or United States
21 district court, with respect to State Farm policy number LF-3554-3706 (the “Policy”)
22 insuring the life of Maribeth Garces Ablaza or the life insurance proceeds deposited
23 with the Court in this action.

24 D. State Farm is discharged from any further liability relating to the Policy
25 or payment of the death benefit attributable to the Policy, including interest due
26 thereon or otherwise. All claims that could have been raised against State Farm
27 relating to the Policy, payment of the Policy death benefit, interest on the Policy death
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1 benefit or otherwise in connection with the Policy, including without limitation any
2 unknown or unsuspected claims, are hereby dismissed with prejudice.

3 E. Except as provided in this Judgment, the parties are to bear their own
4 attorney's fees and costs.

5 F. This is a final judgment in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b), there
6 being no just reason for delay.

7 Dated: December 29, 2023

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10 BETH LABSON FREEMAN
11 United States District Judge

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